

SHOT AND ROBBED OF \$600, SAVINGS OF SEVEN YEARS

Driver's "Fortune" Stolen Just as He Planned Return to Italy.

Andrew Rigs saw the little fortune of \$600 for which he had worked and denied himself for seven years swept away in less than a minute early to-day. He is thirty-seven years old and lives at No. 111 Liberty avenue, East New York. Besides being robbed by four men, he was shot in the jaw and in the back and left to crawl three blocks to his boarding house, more dead than alive.

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MAN FOUND MURDERED.

An Italian whose identity has not yet been learned was found unconscious at 6 o'clock this morning in the hallway of No. 62 West Thirty-ninth street by Policeman Brown. He had a bullet hole in his right shoulder and had been shot also in the right side of the abdomen. At the New York Hospital, the doctors said the wounded man was in a critical condition.

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HELD ON FORGERY CHARGES.

Under Sentence to Penitentiary.

John Gedhardt is Again Indicted. John Gedhardt of No. 26 Jefferson avenue, Brooklyn, was in prison sentence of a year in the penitentiary because of a forged mortgage, was arrested last night on four new indictments for forgery, based on real estate transactions. He was taken to the home of Justice Wagner, who interrupted a New Year's party to sign bail bonds for him for \$3,000 furnished by a leading lawyer. Gedhardt, who has been prominent in other circles in Brooklyn, has two other indictments for grand larceny against him and is under \$30,000 bail in those cases. His sentence to the penitentiary was stayed by a certificate of reasonable doubt issued by Justice Stapleton before whom he was tried.

HIDDEN GEM ROBBERY REVEALED BY ARREST ON THE PACIFIC COAST

Chittenden Property, Stolen From the Warrington, Found on Prisoner.

In the arrest of C. H. Rosenthal, alias C. H. Rogers, in Los Angeles, Cal., the police of this city believe they have the man who robbed the apartment of Simeon Chittenden at the Warrington, Nos. 161 and 163 Madison avenues, of \$1,250 worth of jewels. The robbery was committed Nov. 2, and has been kept quiet all this time by the police. The burglar or burglars entered the rooms in daylight in the absence of Mr. Chittenden and his wife and ransacked the place at their leisure. Diamond rings, necklaces, brooches, watches and family heirlooms were included in the haul.

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